

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY



STINGER HOCKEY

SPECIAL RELEASE

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STINGERS JOIN ONTARIO IN '87

Stinger hockey, despite a 4th place finish in the tough Quebec Conference, is on the rebound. So says veteran Coach Paul Arsenault after his team's recent outstanding performance against the Ottawa Gee Gees.

Since Christmas, following a six game tour of Czechoslovakia, the Stingers have played outstanding hockey. The goaltending of former Bramalea Junior Dave Sharpe has given the Stingers a chance to win every game. But the lack of goalscoring prowess has resulted in crucial losses to McGill, Clarkson, Ottawa and Three Rivers.

The scoring statistics tell the story as only 4 players have scored more than 10 goals thus far this year. Jeff Carter, former Brockville Jr. star, has 13 goals and 10 assists, Ottawa Jr. Paul Brophy has 11 goals and 12 assists, Cornwall defenceman Giles Lascelle has 11 goals and 14 assists and Frank Morris leads the team with 12 goals and 24 assists. Last season the team had 9 players with over 10 goals including All Canadian Mark Kosturik with 38 goals and 42 assists. Two players who could have made the difference are Rob Boyle and Brent Cater. Boyle, a solid 200 lbs. winger from the North York Juniors in Toronto scored 12 goals and 17 assists as a rookie last year. However, an early season injury and a broken wrist following the Czech trip has severely handicapped his shooting during the second half. Boyle, incidentally, was the Stingers leading scorer in Czechoslovakia with 6 goals and 2 assists. Cater, another solid two way performer and a former Central Junior league star, scored 37 points last season. This year, however, he was unable to play during the early season because of academic scheduling and his production has dropped to 20 points.

ONTARIO BOUND

The Stingers will officially join the Ontario Conference along with McGill and Three Rivers. Coach Arsenault is looking for a much better schedule featuring Queens, R.M.C., Toronto, York, Guelph, McMaster, Brock and Ryerson. The variety of teams should help the fan support which has fallen off over the past few seasons. The Stingers will bring to Ontario one of the finest traditions in Canadian college hockey. Perennial Quebec champions up until '85 Stinger teams rank with Toronto and Alberta as Canadian college powers.

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JUNIOR VARSITY THE KEY TO STINGER SUCCESS ...

Over the past decade the success of the Stinger program has been closely related to the development of younger players through the Stinger Bee's farm team. Concordia has not had a great number of Major Junior graduates on their varsity teams. Many of the past and present lineups were players developed through the J.V. program, players from Junior B and high school hockey with desire but lacking the experience. Paul Brophy, Captain Giles Lascelle and star Frank Morris are all current players who began their careers as J.V. players. All Canadian graduate, Mark Kosturik from North Bay who holds the all time record for most points at Concordia, also began his career on the J.V. team.

PROSPECTS

Concordia hockey is looking for academically qualified student hockey players for next year's varsity and J.V. teams. If you are interested contact Coach Paul Arsenault 7141 Sherbrooke Street West, Montreal, Quebec, H4B 1R6 - Telephone: 514-848-3852.

WHY CHOOSE CONCORDIA HOCKEY

1. ACADEMIC CREDIBILITY - Concordia has established itself as an outstanding educational institution. Concordia is especially recognized throughout Canada for Business and Communication Arts.
2. FINANCES - Concordia offers the least expensive education in the country. Quebec schools have the lowest tuition in Canada.
3. COACHING - The Concordia coaching staff is led by the third winningest coach in North America, Paul Arsenault.
4. SCHEDULE - The Stingers annually play the best college teams in North America. Concordia has an outstanding record against NCAA teams and usually schedules a major trip every two or three years. Since Concordia was formed in 1975 the Stingers have been to Scotland, California and twice to Czechoslovakia.
5. J.V. PROGRAM - The hockey program offers an additional 20 players an opportunity to develop their skills. If you attend Concordia you are assured of a place to play immediately. The J.V. Bees play in the Montreal Concordia Senior League. They play approximately 30 games during the season and practice daily.
6. WORK PROGRAM - Concordia offers an extensive work study program where students can earn tuition plus by officiating intramural or working at varsity events.
7. HOUSING - The coaching staff will make every effort to locate suitable, inexpensive lodging for all first year players. Options include apartments, residence or private residences.
8. FRIENDS OF HOCKEY - Concordia players receive support from alumni and friends. This group is made up of graduates and non graduates who are interested in helping the players prepare for future employment.
9. GRADUATES - Concordia hockey graduates have gone on to play N.H.L., W.H.A., minor professional and European hockey. Well known graduates include Bob Berry, present coach of the Pittsburgh Penguins, former N.H.L. defenceman Larry Carriere, ex Washington Capital goaltender Bernie Wolfe, Jim Corsi, former W.H.A. All-Star goaltender now the top player in Italy and European coaches Toby O'Brien and Mike McNamara.
10. CONCORDIA HOCKEY is located at the Loyola Campus of the university. The arena seats 1500 spectators and the complex contains a modern rehabilitation area, fitness and weight room and a multi purpose gymnasium. The Loyola Campus, the former site of the Jesuit College is in a suburban setting with approximately 5,000 students.